

HARDING SUGGESTS DISARMAMENT MEET IN THIS COUNTRY

WILL DISCUSS JAPAN

England, France, Italy and Japan and China Have Been Invited to Attend the Meeting Which is Called for Expressing Purpose of Discussing Limiting Armaments.

Washington, July 10.—President Harding has taken definite steps looking to a conference in Washington of the principal allied and associated powers to discuss limitation of armament.

He also has suggested to the interested nations that there be at the same time a discussion of Pacific and far eastern problems with a view to reaching a common understanding with respect to principles and policies in the far east.

This announcement was made tonight by the state department, by direction of the President, in the following statement:

The President, in view of the far-reaching importance of the question of limitation of armaments, has approached with informal, but definite inquiry the group of powers heretofore known as the principal allied and associated powers, that is, Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan to ascertain whether it would be agreeable to them to take part in a conference on this subject to be held in Washington at a time to be mutually agreed upon. If the proposal is found to be acceptable, formal invitations for such a conference will be issued.

"It is manifest that the question of limitation of armaments has a close relation to Pacific and far eastern problems, and the President has suggested that the powers especially interested in these problems should undertake in connection with this conference, the consideration of all matters bearing upon their solution, with a view to reaching a common understanding with respect to principles and policy in the far east. This has been communicated to the powers concerned and China has also been invited to take part in the discussion relating to far eastern problems."

TAFT IS SWORN IN AS CHIEF JUSTICE

Simple Ceremony Attended Elevation of Former President to Judgeship.

Washington, July 11.—Wm. Howard Taft was sworn in today as Chief Justice. The simple ceremony of elevating the former president to the Supreme Court was performed in Attorney General Daugherty's office by Justice Hohlberg of the District Court, in the absence from the city of the justice of the Supreme Court. Those present included Henry W. Taft and John T. Adams chairman of the Republican National Committee.

HARDING WILL SPEAK IN PERSON

Washington, July 11.—White House officers indicated today Mr. Harding would deliver in person his special message to Congress regarding the bonus legislation. Under this program the Senate and House would hold a joint session to receive the message which will probably be presented in a day or two.

President Harding returned this morning from a week end cruise down the Potomac and Chesapeake Bay and continued his work on his message.

PARTLY CLOUDY TONIGHT

For North Carolina: Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday possibly showers near the coast no change in temperature with gentle variable winds.

LONDON SATISFIED WITH PRESIDENT'S DISARMAMENT TALK

BRITISH CABINET DISCUSS

Great Activity in the British Foreign Office. Lord Curzon Discussed the Subject With Mr. Harvey and the Japanese Ambassador at Conference Today.

London, July 11.—President Harding's note regarding a conference on limitation of armaments was received by the American embassy here yesterday and forwarded to Col. Harvey who was in country. The ambassador went immediately to Chequers Court and sought Premier Lloyd George.

This morning the subject is understood to have been discussed by the British cabinet here. There was great activity at the British foreign office early today. Lord Curzon interviewed Mr. Harding and Hey Hayashi, the Japanese ambassador before leaving for the cabinet meeting. Later the Chinese ministers called at the foreign office.

Mr. Harding's proposal for a disarmament conference among the principal nations was the one topic of conversation, in diplomatic quarters today. Expressions of satisfaction was general and belief was expressed that the Washington conference if agreed upon would only be comparable to the Paris peace conference.

Some of the Dominion premiers called at Downing street, the Prime Minister's official residence, this morning and later the imperial conference met to discuss the subject.

DUBLIN'S STREETS AGAIN PEACEFUL

Confidence Everywhere Expressed Republicans Will Observe the Truce.

Dublin, July 11.—The truce in Ireland agreed upon by British forces and republicans pending peace negotiations went into effect at noon today.

In Dublin complete disappearance from the street of military police lorries and armored cars marked the beginning of the truce. In London-deerly according to the terms of the truce the police were summoned to the barracks to hand in reports subsequently returning to the streets unarmed. In Belfast where disorders began Sunday and were continuing in a lesser degree today police were still retaining their arms. Dublin Castle officials and others who have hitherto been unable to walk in the streets openly were going about the streets today. Confidence was everywhere expressed that all Republican forces would observe the terms of the truce.

WEEKLY WEATHER FORECAST.

For South Atlantic and East Gulf States: Normal temperature, generally fair with occasional local thunder-showers. There are no indications at this time of a disturbance in the West Indies.

FELL 15,000 FEET

"St. Paul, July 11.—Miss Phoebe J. Fairgrave, 18 years of age, of this city, has established a new world's record for a parachute drop for women of 15,200 feet from an airplane here yesterday.

It took exactly 20 minutes from the time she leaped until she alighted safely in a wheat field. "It was terrible," said Miss Fairgrave. "I never want to try it again."

COUNTRY GETTING IMPATIENT OVER TAX BILL DELAY

CONGRESS TAKING NOTICE

The Ways and Means Committee is Charged With the Task of Making Both the Tariff and Tax Bills and Has Been Working Day and Night Over Tariff Plans.

(By David Lawrence.)
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Washington, July 9.—Public opinion is making itself felt in the national capital. The impatience of the country over the failure of congress to get started on a program of tax revision has penetrated both the legislative and executive branches of the government. Letters of complaint from prominent business men, most of them republicans, have reached congress, and while it is true that the average man outside of Washington has little conception of the immense amount of work involved in shaping a tariff bill, it is a fact that most of the criticism has been placed upon the preference given to consideration of the tariff ahead of the tax question.

Representative Mondell, Republican leader of the House, who is as conscientious a public servant as the Republican party has ever had, makes a point of the tremendous labor the ways and means committee has had before it in shaping a tariff bill, and argues that this same committee could obviously handle only one thing at a time. The ways and means committee unfortunately is charged with the task of making both the tariff and tax bills.

There is no other committee to which the revenue measure could have gone while the ways and means committee worked on the tariff. But the nub of the present situation is not that the ways and means committee has been wasting time, for it has been working hard both night and day on the tariff bill, but that it gave right of way to the tariff on the basis of an alleged overwhelming opinion from the country in favor of that course. If, in other words, congress misread public opinion, it is really partly due to the failure of the country to assert its wishes unmistakably.

It now becomes apparent that there are serious differences of opinion on the tariff, and that many of the advocates of a permanent tariff are in doubt as to whether any bill enacted at this session will not have to be changed in a month, as the result of constantly changing economic conditions throughout the world.

As for the tax question, on the other hand, there is no division of opinion among the advocates of a change in the tax rate. Sentiment is perfectly unanimous. Rarely in recent years has a demand from the country, for action on a legislative matter, been so universally approved. Indeed, there are no party lines on the issue. Democrats must support any proposal for tax reduction along with Republicans. While the tariff, therefore, is important, there never has been any doubt among disinterested observers that the country would approve of prompt action on the tax question ahead of tariff revision. The truth is the agricultural group in congress, as well as other elements representing class interests, have demonstrated again that a minority which holds the veto power in the government can frequently threaten the majority and can practically dictate the course that shall be taken.

President Harding is frankly disturbed about the situation. He realizes that congress should have tackled the tax question first. He indicated as much when the problem was first submitted to him, but felt reluctant to insist upon his point of view. He now wishes he had put his foot down hard and compelled action on the revenue measure ahead of the tariff. On the other hand there seemed to be as much noise made at that time

PREPARATIONS ARE UNDER WAY FOR AN IRISH SETTLEMENT

CONFERENCE THURSDAY

Truce Between Crown Forces and Republicans Became Effective at Noon Today But There Was Apprehension There Might Be Trouble Between Factions.

London, July 11.—Eamon De Valera will come to London Thursday for his conference with Premier Lloyd George to discuss the basis of settlement of the Irish problem. Official announcement to this effect was made today.

Mr. Lloyd George returned to London this morning to arrange the final details of his meeting with Mr. Valera. The truce between the crown forces and Irish Republicans became effective at noon today but apprehension was expressed that extremists on both sides would be hard to control. Yesterday's rioting in Belfast during which at least 15 were killed and nearly 100 injured aroused grave fears over what might take place tomorrow, the anniversary of the battle of Boyne.

It appeared today the conference between Mr. Valera and the Premier would revolve around granting of the Democratic status to Ireland upon condition the Sinn Fein demands for establishment of a free government would be abandoned. There were other serious questions among them being boycott of Ulster by south Ireland which has brought serious difficulties.

MARKETS

COTTON

New York, July 11.—The feature in the cotton trade this morning was the strength of the Liverpool market and the increase in spot business reported there. The sales of spot cotton in the European market for the day were 12,000 bales the largest total for months. The market opened at an advance of from 12 to 17 points in response to a strong showing which was only partially modified by the weakness of foreign exchange.

New York, July 11.—Cotton futures opened firm. July 12.50, Oct. 13.00, Dec. 13.30, Jan. 13.53, Mar. 13.84.

The market at noon was as follows: Jan. 13.50, March 13.70, May 13.66, July 13.46, Oct. 13.13, Dec. 13.54.

The market closed at 2:15 as follows: Jan. 13.52, Mar. 13.67, May 13.73, July 12.52, Oct. 13.13, Dec. 13.54.

Spots Wilson market 9 3-4c.

STOCKS.

New York, July 11.—Little attention from the recent reactionary tendencies was manifested. The rails, tobacco and chemicals were losers by fractions to a point. Bethlehem steel common and preferred were among the firmer issues.

CAUSE OF AIRPLANE

ACCIDENT NOT KNOWN.

Moundsville, W. Va., July 11.—Officials of Langlen field where five were killed and many hurt when a Maryland bombing plane crashed into a group of automobiles parked on the grounds were awaiting today the arrival of officers from Dayton, Ohio, and Washington before making statement as to the cause of the accident and fixing the responsibility.

about tariff revision as taxes. The articulate element won over the inarticulate. The mass of the people who had little interest in the tariff question failed to speak out about alleged thefts from the American congress, after what had been said in the last campaign, would reduce taxes at once without further reminder from the country.

ENDEAVORERS WANT A WARLESS WORLD WITHIN TWO YEARS

WORLD WIDE MOVEMENT

Aims of the Motto, "A Saloonless Nation in 1920" Having Been Accomplished the Christian Endeavor is Planning to Adopt Slogan "Warless World by 1923."

New York, July 11.—The new slogan of the Christian Endeavor will be "a warless world by 1923." It will have the support of the 18 million members and former members of the movement in all parts of the world.

The aims in the motto "a saloonless nation for 1920" having been attained, agreement was reached on the slogan for world peace. The slogan was written by Dr. Francis E. Clark, president and founder of Christian Endeavor movement, and will be submitted to 16,000 delegates here and will be accompanied by one calling for "universal brotherhood." All forces throughout the world will be called on to join the Endeavor movement in order to prevent wars.

117TH ENGINEERS OF

RAINBOW DIVISION.

Hickory, July 11.—More than 200 veterans of the 117th Engineers Rainbow Division were gathered here to attend the second annual reunion of the North and South Carolina ex-service men today. There were addresses of welcome, a luncheon and business session this afternoon with a reception and dance tonight.

OFFICERS NAMED ON CAROLINA RY.

Wilson Men Named as Officials of Atlantic and North Carolina Road.

Raleigh, July 11.—Gov. Morrison today announced the selection of officers and directors of the North Carolina railroad and Atlantic and North Carolina railroad.

Wade H. Harris editor of the Charlotte Observer, was named by Governor as president of North Carolina Railroad while C. D. Bradham of New Bern was selected president of Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad. Archibald Johnson of Thomasville was named secretary and treasurer of the North Carolina Railroad. The directors of the North Carolina road include J. F. Bowles of Statesville, while H. D. Bateman of Wilson and M. L. Jones of Goldsboro are among those named members of the board of directors of the Atlantic and North Carolina road.

T. Body Ward of Wilson is named state expert of the Atlantic and North Carolina.

OUR WARSHIPS ARE STILL AT TAMPICO.

Mexico City, July 11.—United States warships which on Friday were reported to have been withdrawn from Tampico returned to that port yesterday afternoon. Dispatches said the Sacramento and Cleveland were again anchored at the mouth of the Panuka river and it is presumed the vessels withdrew to the high seas for 24 hours in order to avoid technicalities of international law.

Express Men in Court Today

Macon, Ga., July 10.—Seventeen persons who were convicted and sentenced to prison or fined by Judge Beverly D. Evans, in connection with alleged thefts from the American Railway Express company, will appear in federal court here tomorrow afternoon, when motions for new trials will be argued.

JAPAN IS READY FOR DISCUSSION OF HER PROBLEM

OPINION OF PUBLICISTS

The Dispatch Filed Before Announcement in Washington of the Proposed Conference on Limited Armaments Stated Belief That Negotiations Were Under Way for Meet.

Tokio, July 11.—An agreement by the United States, Great Britain and Japan on the Pacific problem as a resultant precursor or accompaniment to any renewal of the Anglo-Japanese alliance is finding favor with Japanese publicists who seem to believe negotiations to that end have been started.

(This dispatch was filed before announcement in Washington of Mr. Harding's informal invitation to Great Britain, France and Japan.)

Although the newspapers are devoting columns to the treaty no reference was made to the fact that no general arbitration treaty exists between the United States and Japan.

The publicists apparently interpreted American opposition to any such English-Japanese pact as apparently caused by absence of such an agreement between Japan and the United States.

SERVICES FOR SOLDIER DEAD HELD AT HOBOKEN.

Hoboken, N. J., July 9.—Leaders of the nation mourned the country's war dead today at memorial service on the Army piers here where lay the bodies of 7,264 men who made the supreme sacrifice on the fields of France.

Congress sent a joint committee headed by Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, who spoke at the services. The Army was represented by Assistant Secretary of War Wainwright and General Pershing.

The bodies of those who fell lay in row upon row of flag-draped coffins within the massive piers, from which many of them embarked for France.

ENGLISH PREMIER WELCOMES MEETING

Congratulates Harding on His Good Sense in Proposing Such a Conference.

London, July 11.—President Harding's message looking to the calling of an international conference on the limitation of armament, has been received with utmost pleasure by Great Britain Mr. Lloyd George declared in the house of commons today.

Speaking on the subject of the American communication the Premier said,

"I need not say we welcome with pleasure President Harding's courteous invitation. 'This statement was loudly cheered, the Premier continuing "I'm saying this. I speak for the empire as a whole." Mr. Lloyd George said China would be treated as an independent in the conference. "The world has been looking to the United States for such a lead," said the Premier. "I am confident that the house will esteem it as an act of farseeing statesmanship and will whole heartedly work for its success. No action will be lacking on the part of Great Britain which shares the liberal and progressive spirit which inspires it."

TALKING OVER DISARMAMENT

Paris, July 11.—Sheldon Whitehouse, counselor of the American embassy called at the French foreign office just before noon today and talked to the director on political affairs on the proposed disarmament conference.